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LIFE BOARD MEETS

A meeting of the LIFE Board was held last Tuesday for the purpose of electing a Business Manager in the place of McMath, '10, who will not be in College this fall. Titus, '10, was elected. McMath has accomplished much for the Board and he will be greatly missed.

Competition will be open to the Junior Class for a man to fill the vacancy on the Board. This will close at the end of fall term.

There will be a meeting of Freshman candidates for places on the LIFE Board at 1:30, Monday, in No. 4 South. Competition will start with next week's issue of LIFE. We urge all to come out for this competition, as it is in many ways the most improving of College activities. Think it over before Monday, and then hand in your name. The competition will be upon the basis of words actually published, and news items in the local column will count twice as much as editorials and general articles. Further explanation and particulars will be given at the meeting of candidates. This is work which is pleasant and full of experience. It aids those taking it up in becoming acquainted with the College, and educates them to see " news."

The honor, for the men who are capable and industrious enough to be elected, is one of the most generally recognized in College. Lastly, all who support this competition will be trying to do something for themselves and for the College. This means you 1912.

TO THE FRESHMEN

For the entering class LIFE has a greeting and a word of advice. Seldom has a class entered College under such auspices. The Centennial class, the largest entering class in the history of the College, good in brains and stature, full of promise, it ought to be one of the great classes, if not *the* great class.

Success—in College, as without—is essentially a matter of a good start. The man who begins early and works faithfully and earnestly and with reasonable intelligence will succeed in any branch of College activity. The man who waits till Junior year to make a start seldom arrives; the Freshman who begins now and keeps everlastingly at it can and will make good. There are opportunities open to every man—in Football, Basketball, Track, Baseball—in College journalism, literary work, musical clubs, dramatics.

The College wants things done—there are always too many willing to do the talking. Keep your mouth shut and saw wood. Work first for the College, then for class and crowd,—your individual interests will be best served thus. If you can't do a particular thing, encourage men who can.

You can help by loyal financial and real support of the teams as well as by playing. You can help by doing your work. Every man who flunks out injures the College as well as himself. We want a crowd of men here working together in class room, on athletic field, everywhere, to make this the best College there is and worthy of our great love.

Fall in with College tradition and all the amenities of class order and authority. Therein are some of the pleasantest features of our undergraduate life. Don't ignore the members of the Faculty when they pass, say "Hello" to every undergraduate. In short, find out what pertains to a Freshman and do it. A Freshman has no business trying to be anything else.

A very real and precious thing in this "Hamilton Spirit," of which we boast—it means democracy, good fellowship, consideration, respect,—it means courage, "stick-to-it-iveness," clear grit—it means a great loyalty—a great love for this Hill and what belongs to it and those who live on it and those many others who love it,—a loyalty to foster, to cherish, to perpetuate.

Yours is a great heritage. It is the work of many hands and heads and hearts. It demands yours.

SECRETARY ROOT'S COUNSEL

At the opening of the College, Hon. Elihu Root, '64, Secretary of State, addressed the students at Chapel. The largest entering class in the history of the College was present to hear the valedictorian of the class of 1864 emphasize the values of College training in this exacting, intense and successful age. President Stryker introduced Secretary Root as "from the United States." The students and visitors gave the speaker enthusiastic reception. Mr. Root captivated his hearers by an eloquent address on "College Education and Character." Mr. Root asserted that College life either makes or unmakes men. The short years of College training determine what the young man's career in after life shall be. This is an age of action. It is not what a man learns, but what a man becomes, thru his learning, that determines whether he is to be happy, renowned, successful and useful, or swell the ranks of the failures of this world. This is one of the greatest nations of the earth, where opportunity and manhood and character supplant heredity,

family and wealth, and open to every young man limitless possibilities for success and service. Every ounce of learning and instruction must be assimilated into manhood. Scholarship must be transformed into right character, if the ends of education be attained and the boy prepared for the exacting duties of life. There is no place in our country where the environment is more attractive and helpful than on this College Hill. I wish you all success in the plans you have for life and congratulate you on your outlook, and assurance of a prosperous year here on the Hill.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

Never so early in the season has there been so bright an outlook for Football. The Freshman class contains much good material, of which Drummond, tackle; Thompson, guard; McGovern, quarter back; Bernard, end; Bell, half back, are the most prominent. There are besides many others in the class who may be expected to make good later.

Of last year's team and substitutes, Captain Thomas is playing centre; H. P. Osborn is in his old place at tackle; Leavenworth is playing left end as usual, and Glover, guard, is being tried at right end. Drummond, '12, looks good for right tackle and the guards seem to be between Fiske, Wheeler, Baldwin, '10; Wisehart, '11; Thompson and Clark, '12. The quarter back position will be taken care of by Harper, '10; Burdick, '11, and McGovern, '12. The leading candidates for half backs are Welch, '09; Marriot, '09; Sidle, Jones and Mitchell, '11, and Bell, '12. Full back is being played by Getman and Colson, '11, who are both fast, nervy men. Altogether the material is unusually good, and the team is fast being whipped into shape.

The schedule is arranged on the principle of getting the worst ones first and when the Cornell and Syracuse games are over, a series of comparatively easy games lead up to the final battle with Colgate. The first two games are limited to fifteen and ten minute halves and Cornell for the first time gives us a Saturday game—their initial contest.

With good material and a well-arranged schedule, but one thing more is needed, and that is a good coach. And in Pryor, captain and end of last year's successful Brown team, we have one of the best there is. Anyone who will go out on the field and see the snap and speed with which practice goes, will be convinced of this.

Now, there is just one thing which we wish to emphasize, and that is that we want *you* to help. If you play the game, even if you are light, come out and show what you can do. Don't get discouraged if at first you don't catch on. If you mean business, you are sure to make good.

ANTE-SEASON FOOTBALL

The season's Football work began on Tuesday, September 8th. Only a few men were back for the initial practice and only light work was done. On Wednesday, more of the men were on hand and Football togs were donned for the first time. Kuolt, '07, acted as coach until the arrival of Coach Pryor on Saturday. Bloyer, '06, and Capt. Swartz, '07, arrived later and assisted the coaches already at work. The week's work has undoubtedly been a great advantage. Altho the weather has been very warm and the ground, owing to the long drought, exceedingly hard, the men at the opening of College have a fair understanding of the signals and are gaining wind and condition rapidly. Coach Pryor arrived from Providence, Saturday, and met the men at the "Martin" in Utica during the afternoon, after which a dinner was served in his honor at the New Shubert Rathskellar.

The men on hand last week were:

Thomas, '09, (Capt.), Centre.
H. P. Osborn, '09, Guard.
Baldwin, '10, Guard.
Fiske, '10, Guard.
Harper, '10, Quarter Back.
Wisehart, '11, Guard.
Getman, '11, Full Back.
Jones, '11, Half Back.
Mitchell, '11, Half Back.
Sidle, '11, Half Back.
Burdick, '11, Quarter Back.
Colson, '11, Full Back.
Drummond, '12, Tackle.
Easingwood, '12, End.
Thompson, '12, Guard.

THE BLUE BOOK

With the opening of College appeared the Y. M. C. A. annual, the Blue Book, as ever, neat, concise and timely. The primary object of this handbook is to render the entering class familiar with the College—its customs, songs and cheers—and, incidentally, to affiliate as many men as possible with the Y. M. C. A. and its work. It also offers references and blank spaces for memoranda for the men longer in College.

It is prefaced with the well known but none the less kindly and helpful greeting of the President. Following there is the calendar of the College year. Several pages are devoted to the history, the aims and purposes of the Association, extracts from its constitution and information regarding membership. Then there is a brief history of the College and a clear and concise description of the buildings and the College institutions. A few timely words of advice and instruction are given for the new men.

As the standing athletic records of the College appear, there seems to be several slight mistakes which should be investigated and remedied. LIFE believes that Smith, '08, now holds the record for the 440 yard dash, having made it last Spring in 50½ s., while the record of the 880 yard dash is 1 m. 59 3-5 s., and that of the pole vault, 10 ft. 6½ in., made by Leavenworth, '09. Another record that should be given attention is the high dive, broken by Nixon, '11, at Uncle John's last gym. show.

The Hand-book committee is to be congratulated on the general excellence of the book and its punctuality in appearance.

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THE RETURN to the Hill last Fall was less joyous than this. A blight had been cast on the Campus and on the men. The welcomes were not as hearty—something bigger weighed down all exuberance. During the summer a man had passed forever—"Square!" How the mere name grips the heart of every man of us who knew him! We grieve, we sigh that he might have—yet into the clutch of gloom a gladness forces itself and a feeling of pity—gladness that we knew him: pity that the underclassmen will never see the Hamilton ideal in full realization. "Square" has joined our traditions; nevertheless, his love still lives and vibrates, still blesses Hamilton—his mother and ours.

LITTLE EXHORTATION WILL be needed in this Fall's Football. The team could not show better spirit—the squad likewise. But to those who are not acquainted with our methods on the Hill one word, we hope, will suffice: Be on the field every TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY afternoons to show your appreciation or rather to yell it. On these THREE days of the week your presence is COMPULSORY. There is and will be absolutely no excuse for absence. On the remaining days, your attendance is highly desirable, and if possible, you should attend. But TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY are dates as inviolable as is the date of a game on the Hill.

Be there!

ONCE MORE Hamilton finds herself fortunate in her Football coach. Watson, Halliday and Crook, all hold the affection of those of the present College generation who watched them work. That these will presently have a rival LIFE feels certain. We like the energy of Coach Pryor, his enthusiasm—his unquestionable ability. If success does not come, we will look elsewhere for the cause. Nor is it merely on the Gridiron that we like him. He is a man we are proud to have in our circle and the squad will prove our appreciation beyond question.

THE FOOTBALL prospects gleam with promise. The material at hand is the best in at least two years, the coach and his system are eminently suited to our style. But one other factor is needed and that has never been absent from our Football—Hamilton spirit. Hamilton spirit is as indefinable as it is trite, but beside a connotation of nerve, speed and perseverance, its pre-eminent phase is self-abnegation—the willingness to train. If a man lacks this, Hamilton Football has no place for him. The team and the man will fare better without such—the team, because its success largely depends on endurance, the man, because to dodge training, he must lower himself to the meanest dishonesty and the sneakiest deceit.

THE LOSS OF Prof. Sherman will be a misfortune and regret to the College. Aside from his eminent ability as an instructor, typical of "Square's" School, aside from his great help to us in our student activities, "Dick" was to the College an ideal. His geniality was contagious—his optimism inspiriting. His advice was always sought and always obtainable. His plans as to the future are as yet indefinite but whatever the path, he will progress honorably and with help to every man he meets. We regret that he is no longer "Our Dick."

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL mid-summer forecast with regard to the incoming Freshmen was received last season, as always, with the skepticism fated to Cassandra. Many years of disappointment in the length of the registration roll have led us to smile patiently at Dr. Stryker's optimism—to discount tidings of the "biggest class ever" as a sign of the passing Summer and a promise of mild weather for Winter term. But 1912 has at last proved the law and vindicated the prophet, very much to his complacency and vastly to our delight, tho just what may be the effect upon meteorological conditions we are not prepared to say. It is to be hoped that this Freshman class, which approaches the adequate enrollment for the College in its present state, will prove to be no mere over-sized exception to the present meagre rule, but rather the small beginning of a greater order of things. The advantages are obvious which must accrue to every branch of College endeavor if the Student-body average were increased by fifty men.

Meanwhile—to descend to the present—the Freshmen of 1912 seem a highly promising bunch. Their weight and brawn should supply Coach Pryor with much material for the gaps in our "thin blue line." Of their scholarship dazzling rumors precede them, giving us hope that their numbers may not suffer the decimation of Exam. week to that extent which has marred large entrance records in the past. Without the least intention to inflict the College with the mournful and insupportable antics of a Freshman class which has gone to its own head, LIFE bespeaks for 1912 a career which may

combine the energy of 1908, the brilliancy of 1909, the ardent class-spirit of 1910, and the discretion of 1911 in a harmonious and superior result, for 68 is a splendid quota.

PROF. LEWIS

The much regretted resignation of Prof. Henry White, which was announced last Spring, left vacant one of the most important and widely known professorships of Hamilton College, the Upson chair of Oratory.

Calvin L. Lewis, of the class of 1890, will succeed Prof. White as associate professor. Since his graduation from Hamilton, Mr. Lewis has had wide experience in the teaching of elocution and oratory in several of the leading preparatory schools of the country.

His first position was to head the department of oratory at St. Johns Military Academy, Manlius, N. Y., after which he took up similar work at the Michigan Military Academy at Orchard Lake. After several years Mr. Lewis resigned this position to accept a better one under Prof. Palmer, a Hamilton man, now at the head of the oratorical department at C. C. N. Y., who at that time had charge of the work at the Boys' High School in Brooklyn. He was also connected with the Manual Training School in the same city. The year 1900 Prof. Lewis spent in post-graduate work and received a Master's degree at New York University.

Prof. Lewis has also studied music under John Dennis Meehan and Dudley Buck. While in New York he was a member of the Apollo and University Glee Clubs, and also engaged as soloist in several of the city churches.

During his teaching in different institutions Mr. Lewis has always acted as the Athletic Coach. Football and Baseball have demanded the most of his attention, and while in Brooklyn he became interested in Soccer Football and started the game in the Boys' High and Manual Training Schools of Brooklyn.

While in College, Mr. Lewis was a Varsity Baseball man for three years and captain his Senior year. In politics he is a Republican and has served the party in the capacity of convention and committee chairmanships and other offices.

PROF. BROWN

Mr. Horace Brown, Lafayette, '99, will succeed Prof. Richard Sherman, '05, as Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Prof. Brown has pursued post-graduate study at Columbian University, Washington, D. C. His experience as a teacher of mathematics has been long and successful, having began in the public schools at Torrington, Conn., from whence he went to the Military School at Norwalk, Conn. During the last half-dozen years he has headed the department of mathematics at Friends' School, Washington, D. C. He will reside at the recently renovated house just the other side of the Oriskany.

SENATOR DAVENPORT

Still another stride of Hamilton's march into political fame was taken on September twelfth when Prof. Davenport was nominated for State Senator at the Republican convention in Rome. The fight for the nomination had extended thruout the Spring and Summer. It had been the most spirited contest known in Oneida county politics as the vote at the convention showed. Prof. Davenport's opponents, William E. Lewis, Merwin K. Hart and Van Weaver were all strong men to face. Of these Lewis showed the greatest strength on the first ballot having to his credit 66 delegates while Prof. Davenport headed the fight with 93. It was not until the fourth ballot, however, that he finally obtained the majority necessary 97 votes. His speech at notification convinced every man in the crowded court house that the selection had been wise. The small towns of the county had nominated him as Utica wanted a Utican. Since these very towns are the Republican strongholds his ultimate election is assured.

Hamilton was prominent thruout the fight. Harold C. Aron, ex-'09, managed the campaign. Hon. James S. Sherman, '78, backed his cause and Dr. Stryker stirred the convention to eager enthusiasm in his nominating address. And every student friend of Prof. Davenport—and that means every Hamilton man—counts himself personally fortunate in the choice of the Rome convention.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 23—U. F. A. at Clinton.
Sept. 26—Syracuse at Syracuse.
Oct. 3—Cornell at Ithaca.
Oct. 10—Rochester at Clinton.
Oct. 17—Union at Schenectady.
Oct. 24—R. P. I. at Clinton.
Oct. 31—Rutgers at New Brunswick.
Nov. 7—St. Lawrence at Canton.
Nov. 14—Colgate at Clinton.

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THE "LITERARY" EXERCISES

Wednesday afternoon, the class of Nineteen-Twelve, sixty-eight strong met the Dean and gathered together for the first time as a class. Preliminary to this, the Freshmen were escorted to the Chapel as in former years. On this account many of the new class are missing some red ties today and other garments of that color. Seats were assigned to them in Chapel, and after a few remarks by Capt. Thomas of the Varsity, and Sherwin of the Junior class they "'hippety-hopped" back to their berths.

The evening before the formal opening of College the new men experienced the terrors of "paint-night." The old "royal gaboon" yell resounded again over the Campus from the lusty throats of the small but valiant band of Sophomores. But notwithstanding the efforts of the latter, the Freshmen painted the Hill red, so that the next morning the usual green hue on the back-stop was lacking. Nineteen-twelve retired to the gym., mocked by the derisive yells of the Sophomores, only to get up the next morning to renew hostilities. The row was called off at seven o'clock.

College formally opened Thursday morning. After the usual Chapel exercises and the assignment of work by the faculty, the Freshmen rushed out to meet that little band again, waiting for them in front of the old Chapel steps. After five minutes of rowing in which it was rather difficult to find a Sophomore, the upper-classmen called it off, awarding the row to the Freshmen.

The Sophomores showed themselves superior to Nineteen-twelve in the field events. In the light-weight wrestling, Martin, '11, overcame Brome, '12, in two straight falls; the middle-weight, Allen, '12, was thrown by Nixon, '11, in the same way. Manion, '11, won the heavy weight from Reagan, '12, in two more straight falls. The Sophomore relay team, composed of Nixon, Gaige, Peters and Colson, won easily from the Freshmen, Knox, Root, Bedenkapp and Stewart. Mitchell, '11, lost to Brome, '12, in the grass races, and Peters and Colson, '11, trimmed Eells and Bedenkapp, '12. The Sophomore tug-of-war team pulled that of the Freshmen around, but in the class tug were obliged to drop the rope to prevent being given a ride.

After a short meeting, the upper-classmen awarded the day to the Sophomores and declared 'no protection."

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